Rs 1,04,718 crore has been disbursed till 28th February, 2005 in the year 2004-05 and is considered to be satisfactory progress. Against a target of 50 lakh new farmers in 2004-05, 63.74 lakh new farmers have been financed till 28th February, 2005. An amount of Rs. 9141.29 crore upto the end of February 2005 has been provided as debt relief by all agencies during the year.

Income tax collection

2825. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance and achievements of Income Tax Department vary from region to region though the law of the land and the procedure and one and the same and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is envisaged to have a change in the objective, organizational set-up, operational approach and manpower for better performance;

(c) how targets for collection of Income Tax are fixed; and

(d) whether the potentiality of the area, environment and the quality of Income Tax personnel concerned, etc. are taken into account or the targets are just fixed on a conventional basis usually followed and periodically reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM) : (a) Yes Sir, the performance and achievements of Income Tax Department vary from region to region as the levels of economic development, levels of business/commercial activities; levels of industrial growth and income-levels are widely different in various regions of the country. The difference in economic levels is particularly wide between urban and rural areas.

(b) No, Sir. The current organizational set-up and policies of the Income Tax Department are already consistent with and oriented towards the divergent economic levels existing in the country.

(c) Budget Estimates for collection of Income Tax are fixed on the

basis of the historical trends of collection and projections of revenue to be generated through new legislative measures.

(d) While allocating the targets to various regions, the past performance of the region and the revenue-potential of the region both are taken into account. The progress made towards achievement of the allocated targets is periodically reviewed by the Government.

Case against CMD Indian Bank

†2826. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that a case has been filed against Chief Managing Director, Director General and some other officials of Indian Bank under Delhi Zone under sections 409, 467, 471 and 477-A of I.P.C. and summons have also been issued to them by the Court;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the above officials had committed some irregularities in the term deposit amount of an N.R.I. and what action is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) There is no Officer by the designation of Chief Managing Director and Director General in Indian Bank. However, Indian Bank has reported that Shri Mohan Murti Shandilya has filed a complaint before the Magistrate against (i) Indian Bank, HO Chennai (ii) Board of Direcotrs, Indian Bank, Chennai (iii) Shri M.B.N. Rao, Chairman and Managing Director (iv) Shri S.K. Vermani, General Manager, Delhi Circle (v) Shri Y.P. Kohli, Chief Manager, ARM branch, New Delhi (vi) The Chief Manager, East Abiramapuram Branch, Chennai and (vii) The Chief Manager, NDSE branch, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Magistrate has ordered issue of sommons.

(b) Indian Bank has reproted that M/s Rexima Exports Pvt. Ltd., M/s Gambro Nexim (i) Medical Ltd. and M/s Nexim Exports (P) Ltd., promoted by Shri Mohan Murti Shandilya and his wife Smt. Renu Murti Shandilya availed substantial credit facilities of Rs.15.82 crore during 1990. They gave guarantees and also pledged two term deposits for Rs.3.30 crore

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.